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SUBJECT: TTBT/PNE NEGOTIATIONS: US STATEMENT 93RD AND FINAL
PLENARY, 4/07/76; ROUND VI -

TTBT/PNE DELEGATION MESSAGE NO. 237

1. US STATEMENT MADE AT 03RD AND FINAL PLENARY MEETING APRIL 7,
1976, FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

MR. MINISTER:

IT IS WITH PLEASURE THAT I CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER.

ACCORDING TO THE COUNT OF THE U.S. SIDE, THIS IS THE NINETY-
THIRD PLENARY MEETING.

WE ALSO NOTE THAT, AS OF TODAY, THESE NEGOTIATION WILL HAVE BEEN
CARRIED OUT FOR EXACTLY ONE AND ONE-HALF YEARS.

DURING THIS TIME, WE BELIEVE, MUCH HAS BEEN LEARNED ABOUT OUR
ASSIGNED TASK; BOTH SIDES HAVE SOUGHT CONSTRUCTIVE COMPROMISE
SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS, AND BOTH SIDES HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT
CONCESSIONS.

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OUR WORK TOGETHER HAS BROUGHTOUR TASK TO A MATURE STATE.

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY VEXING PERIODS WHEN MUTUALLY-SATISFACTORY SOLUTIONS SEEMED OUT OF REACH. HOWEVER, AS OUR PRESENT RESULTS SHOW, IN ALL CASES THUS FAR, WE EVENTUALLY FOUND A WAY TO BRING OUR RESPECTIVE POSITIONS INTO HARMONY.

IT HAS BEEN SATISFYING BOTH TO DEBATE THE ISSUES WITH YOU AS EACH SIDE HAS ADVOCATED ITS OWN POSITION AND TO COOPERATE WITH YOU IN SEEKING CONSTRUCTIVE WAYS TO BRING THE TWO POSITIONS TOGETHER IN A MANNER SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.

IT IS THE VIEW OF THE US SIDE -- WHICH WE HOPE IS SHARED BY THE SOVIET SIDE -- THAT OUR WORK TOGETHER HAS MADE A SUBSTANTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

FURTHERMORE, IT IS THE HOPE AND EXPECTATION OF THE US SIDE THAT THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK TOGETHER WILL STAND AS A FOUNDATION AND FRAMEWORK FOR CONTINUING MUTUALLY-BENEFICIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE GOOD RELATIONS.

IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING -- PARTLY HAPPY, AND PARTLY UNHAPPY -- THAT THIS WILL BE THE LAST PLENARY MEETING OF OUR TWO DELEGATIONS.

THE US DELEGATION WISHES TO STATE THAT WE HAVE ENJOYED AND APPRECIATED THE HONOUR OF WORKING WITH THE SOVIET DELEGATION. WE HAVE ENJOYED THE GENEROUS HOSPITALITY OF THE SOVIET SIDE OVER THE MANY MONTHS OF OUR STAY HERE, FOR WHICH WE ARE MOST APPRECIATIVE. YOU HAVE ALSO PROVIDED US WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO TRAVEL TO DISTANT PLACES IN THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH HAS LEFT US WITH LASTING IMPRESSIONS OF THE GREAT SIZE AND VARIED ASPECTS OF YOUR SPLENDID COUNTRY.

AS INDIVIDUALS, THE PEOPLE ON THE US SIDE OF THE TABLE LOOK FORWARD TO FUTURE ASSOCIATION WITH THE PEOPLE ON THE SOVIET SIDE OF THE TABLE.

END TEXT.
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